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1. The Information and Press Section of Gouvernement Militaire in Wurtemberg was purged of Communists during the spring of 1947 by the governor of Wurtemberg, Widmer, a non-Communist. Commandant Oswald, head of the section; Lt. Castagnier, his press chief; and Lt. Angèle, another subordinate, were relieved of their posts. They promptly received appointments, however, in the Press Section of Gouvernement Militaire of Baden from the governor, Péne who is a Communist.

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Comment: There appears to be a personal as well as political antagonism between Péne and Widmer.

In spite of his Communist sympathies, it is evident that Péne is having to discharge some of his Communist personnel. The exact number of these is uncertain because he previously ordered that names of French officers and officials were not to appear in print, the only exceptions being his own name and those of Kreis governors, which could be used in local newspapers. number of Communist officials are reported to have received notice of discharge effective immediately or in the near future. Among those affected are the city governor of Konstanz, Degliame, who is to return to France in September 1947, and the economics officer of Konstanz, Bine (name not certain), who has already been recalled.

2. In anticipation of his recall, Degliame is reported trying to emigrate to the United States. A German intermediary (name unknown) is supposed to be negotiating for an immigration visa for Degliame through an American officer stationed in Frankfurt/Main.

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Comment: Degliame (@ Colonel Fouche)

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a Communist agent in Konstanz with the assignment of preventing KPD members from deserting to SPD.

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